

HORTICULTURE

STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of the Utah State Horticultural Society held in Salt Lake City January 25-26-27, was one of the most interesting ever held by the Society. A great many valuable papers and reports were presented, and the discussions and addresses were splendid. We print the address of President Duffin.

President's Annual Address.

JAMES G. DUFFIN.

Since the last annual meeting of the State Horticultural Society we have passed through a harvest, one of the most abundant in the history of our country. And, though some of the fruit growers may not have received the prices they anticipated in the early part of the season, there has been much to encourage them for the season's work. On every hand we see evidence of better methods in the planting, cultivation, pruning, and spraying of orchards, and in the picking and packing of fruit. The general tendency has been one of improvement and progress. We see in this condition the fruits of work that has been done for a number of years, by the different State organizers and schools, State and County Societies, and by individuals, to develop the horticultural interests of the State. Looking at the situation from every point of view, we see nothing to discourage but everything to encourage the further development of the fruit industry of the state.

Growth of the Fruit Business.

Up to the year 1907 when the State Board of Horticulture was appointed by Gov. Heber M. Wells, under the law creating that Board, there had not been shipped out of the State in solid car lots, to exceed ten cars of fresh fruit. During the year 1908 there were shipped more than 1200 cars in addition to the vast quantities sent out by express. By careful calculation, taking the number of acres of trees now in bearing and the number of acres planted but not in bearing, it is estimated there will be shipped out of the state within the next

few years, at least 5000 cars of fruit annually. When to these estimates is added the product of the large acreage that will be planted every year, one can begin to form an idea of the wonderful future of the fruit industry of our state.

Exhibits at Albuquerque.

Our exhibit at the Irrigation Congress at Albuquerque, New Mexico, scored another triumph, carrying off the great sweepstakes trophy—the Hearst Cup. The exhibit made at the Apple Congress, at Council Bluffs, Iowa, in December, though gotten up when material was scarce, was well received, and did much to bring before the fruit men of the country the horticultural possibilities of the state. We have thought that some means should be provided for securing suitable fruits while they are abundant in the state, to be kept in storage for late fall and winter exhibits at the fruit congresses and other gatherings of those engaged in the growing or distribution of fruits. If this were done and the exhibits made, it would do a vast amount of good in bringing before the fruit dealers of the country the excellence of the products of our orchards.

State Fair.

The management of the State Fair Association has been generous in its recognition of the horticultural interests of the state. In making up the premium lists for the horticultural department, the State Board of Horticulture and the State Horticultural Society have been consulted and their recommendations adopted.

In making exhibits at the State Fair, we earnestly recommend, that while artistic displays of fruit should be provided for, the commercial end of fruit growing be emphasized. Commercial exhibits should be put up in commercial packages, packed according to market requirements, suitable prizes offered to encourage this form of exhibiting. That the commercial package and methods of packing the different varieties of fruit might be more carefully studied by visitors to the Fair, a section of Horticultural Hall should be set off for this class of exhibits.

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The above remarks appeared in the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station bulletin, No. 89, last June.

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